

Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Action Minutes for October 20, 2004

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica. There was a quorum.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica
Committee Vice Chair: Susan Longville, San Bernardino

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach	Burgnon, Edward	SANBAG
Bowlen, Paul	Cerritos	Garcia, Leann	Grand Terrace
Cook, Debbie	Huntington Beach	Longville, Susan	SANBAG Subregion
Feinstein, Michael	Santa Monica	Miller, Michael	West Covina
O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica	Ovitt, Gary	Ontario
Nowatka, Paul	Torrance		

New Members

None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Pam O'Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the consent calendar.

5.0 ACTION ITEM

5.1 There were no action items.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

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6.1 Introduction, Welcome

Pam O'Connor, Chair of the Task Force, welcomed members and staff present. All members and staff assigned to the Regional Comprehensive Plan introduced themselves.

6.2 Review Concepts and Approaches

Jacob Lieb, Acting Lead Regional Planner, and Project Manager for the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) reviewed the action taken by the Regional Council on October 7 approving the concepts and approaches for the RCP process. There was a brief discussion on the goals of the plan, which are to implement regional policies and provide a useful tool for external, implementing agencies.

6.3 Comprehensive Policy List

Ashwani Vasishth, Associate Regional Planner, introduced the Preliminary Comprehensive Policy List. This list was compiled by staff by reviewing all current SCAG plans, major programs, and Regional Council resolutions. The list will form the basis for the RCP, but will require refinement over the course of plan development, including assuring proper categorization of policies to topics, eliminating policies that are out-dated, and dealing with redundancies or contradictions. The Committee held a discussion about how to approach the refinement of the list. It was generally agreed that staff would perform a detailed review of the list, sort the list by topic, and bring back individual topics for close review at future Task Force meetings.

6.4 General Plan Matrix

Jacob Lieb introduced a matrix developed by staff which summarizes the State of California's General Plan Guidelines related to responsiveness to regional issues. In brief, the State guidelines strongly encourage, but do not mandate, that local governments consider the regional setting and regional plans, in developing the local General Plan. Staff described that a major goal of the RCP is to assist localities in being responsive to these guidelines by providing a useful tool. Staff further explained that the regional connection to the General

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Plan is a subject of on-going discussion for the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee.

6.5 Outreach Activities

Jacob Lieb described a number of needed activities for the coming months, including scheduling presentations for sub-regions, and convening discussions with stakeholders to assist in creating action plans within each chapter. It was generally agreed that discussions with local governments pertaining to land use and growth issues would be convened in future Task Force meetings. Discussions on other issues, including water, solid waste, and air quality, would be convened by staff with summary reports provided to the Task Force. There was discussion about the schedule of future meetings for the Task Force. It was generally agreed to continue meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, but that for the month of November, staff would poll the members for a substitute date.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Nothing to report.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next Task Force meeting will be determined based on polling of the Task Force members.